

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Ketchikan Gateway Borough



Ketchikan Gateway Borough is situated on the southwest coast of Revillagigedo Island in southern Southeast Alaska. It's a regional hub of commercial trade, medical services, and government for the area. Tourism has grown in importance, with large numbers of visitors arriving via tour ships over the summer season.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 12,993, a loss of about 1,066 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 64 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 27 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

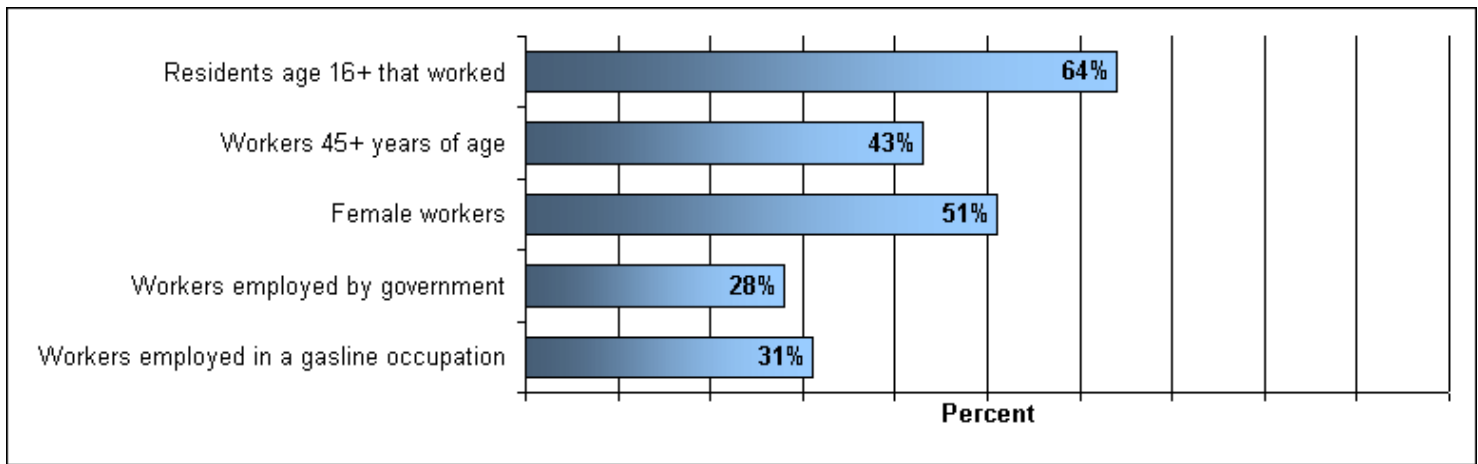
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	9,719	Total wages	\$205,236,707
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	6,239	Private	4,497
Male	3,053	State government	612
Female	3,179	Local government	1,130
Age 45+	2,663	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,909	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	5,683
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.6%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	868	Some construction	937
		At least 1 year construction	482
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	309
New hires	2,031	Worked in an AGIA occupation	3,922

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2008 Residents

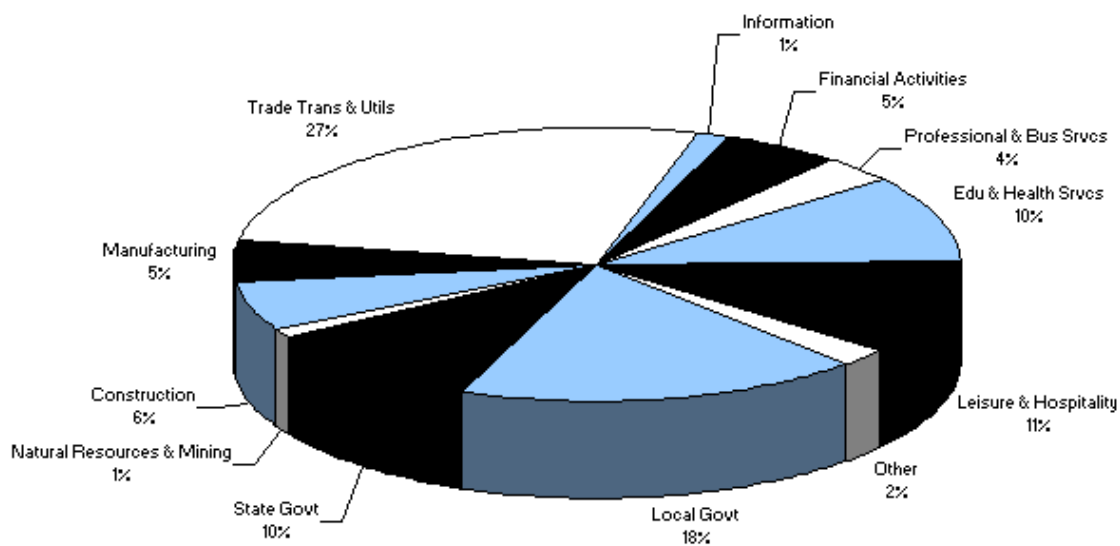


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Retail Salespersons	280	70.4%	70	4.1%	29.7%
Cashiers	226	75.7%	58	4.6%	33.1%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	163	8.0%	44	11.8%	30.3%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	131	32.3%	55	1.6%	85.0%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	125	87.9%	34	8.6%	7.9%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	122	6.6%	20	6.3%	24.7%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	115	3.5%	52	6.5%	15.4%
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	111	72.1%	47	14.4%	2.3%
Tour Guides and Escorts	109	50.5%	22	4.1%	39.2%
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	98	92.9%	47	4.3%	23.6%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	98	94.9%	46	7.4%	8.8%
Transportation Attendants, Except Flight Attendants and Baggage Porters	97	42.7%	31	29.4%	6.1%
Teacher Assistants	81	87.7%	27	18.7%	8.9%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	81	90.1%	25	4.0%	2.7%
Waiters and Waitresses	78	80.8%	10	2.9%	35.3%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	78	26.0%	36	10.8%	15.3%
Sailors and Marine Oilers	78	1.3%	29	26.1%	23.5%
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	76	40.8%	23	8.2%	18.4%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	70	92.9%	21	4.3%	18.8%
Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other	69	66.2%	21	8.1%	16.3%
General and Operations Managers	69	27.5%	31	5.5%	5.5%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	82	20.7%	31	9.0%	46.9%
Construction	362	12.2%	92	17.4%	24.0%
Manufacturing	298	25.6%	105	2.4%	73.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,660	47.8%	415	5.2%	28.0%
Information	85	44.7%	21	2.8%	18.3%
Financial Activities	323	61.9%	75	6.7%	8.5%
Professional and Business Services	220	49.3%	90	8.0%	24.5%
Educational and Health Services	638	75.4%	224	5.6%	13.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	696	59.8%	155	4.5%	30.3%
State Government	612	47.6%	260	16.9%	11.9%
Local Government	1,130	55.4%	394	13.4%	7.0%
Other	130	70.8%	45	1.2%	19.7%

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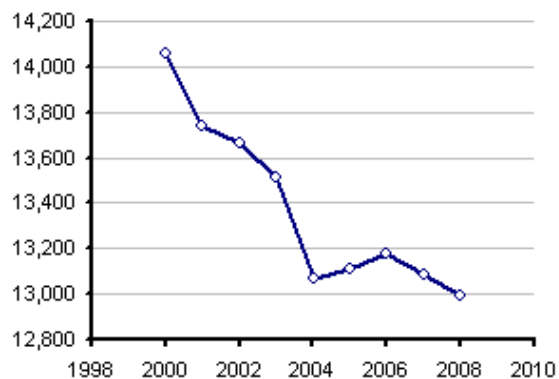
Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	573	507	384	328
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	10.2%	8.3%	7.0%	6.8%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

State of AK (excludes U of A)
KTNGateway Boro Sch Dist
KTN City of
Peace Health-Ketchikan General Hospital
KTN Gateway Borough
KTN Indian Corp
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Safeway Inc
Community Connections Inc
Williams Inc

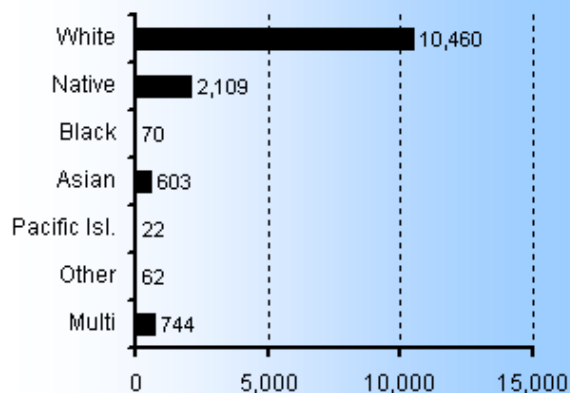
Population over Time



2000 Census**

Median Age	36
Average Family Size	3.1
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$23,994
Median Family Income	\$59,583
Median Household Income	\$51,344

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

****The geography has changed since the 2000 census. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough has enlarged since the 2000 census. For more information, see the [FAQ](#).**

2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	Contract Average	Adjusted Average	Contract Median	Adjusted Median	Vacancy Rate
All Units	\$804	\$919	\$750	\$868	7.1%

Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$941	\$1,202			
1 Bedroom	\$662	\$838	\$725	\$936	0.0%
2 Bedrooms	\$806	\$1,033	\$720	\$1,024	0.0%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,126	\$1,416	\$1,075	\$1,392	37.5%
4 Bedrooms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$798	\$900			
0 Bedrooms	\$540	\$570	\$575	\$575	8.9%
1 Bedroom	\$645	\$726	\$630	\$745	3.8%
2 Bedrooms	\$849	\$988	\$810	\$984	5.8%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,165	\$1,292	\$1,160	\$1,297	10.0%

2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	Heating	Hot Water	Cooking
Natural Gas	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oil	90.7%	54.1%	0.0%
Electric	7.3%	44.5%	99.4%
Other	2.0%	1.4%	0.6%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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